



Report 07.133

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 13 March 2007 at
10.16 am**

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairman), Aitken, Baber, Evans, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Turver, and Wilde.

Officers Present

Benham, Corry, Davis, Dick, Ding, Gray, Grounds, Hastie, Reay, Ryan, Saywell, and Turfrey.

Public Business

Procedural Items

283 **Apologies**

There were no apologies

284 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Greig)

That the:

- *Minutes of the Council meeting of 22 February, Report 07.81*
- *Minutes of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting of 22 February, Report 07.83*

be confirmed, the public excluded parts to remain confidential.

Matter for Decision

285 **Establishment of a Regional Economic Development Agency to implement the Wellington Regional Strategy**

Report 07.9

File WRS/07/01/02

Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Long)

That Council

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) Resolves to establish a Council Controlled Organisation as a not-for-profit company, with a share capital of one hundred \$1 shares, to implement the economic development elements of the Wellington Regional Strategy.*
- (4) Resolves that the name of the organisation be Regional EDA Limited.*
- (5) Resolves to adopt the constitution of the Regional EDA as set out in Attachment 2.*
- (6) Resolves to amend the "Policy on the Appointment and Remuneration of Directors" as set out in Attachment 3.*
- (7) Agrees to the process outlined in Attachment 1 for the appointment of directors to Regional EDA Limited.*

Councillor Greig asked that her negative vote be recorded.

Councillor Kirton asked that his vote against (5) be recorded.

Matter for Information

286 **Chairman's Report**

Report 07.108

File E/06/01/05

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/.Cr Laidlaw)

That Council

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*

Reports of Committees

287 Policy, Finance and Strategy – 13 March 2007

Report 07.116

File E/06/01/04

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan./Cr Turver)

That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 13 March 2007, be adopted.

288 Environment – 20 February 2007

Report 07.50

File: E/06/18/02

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 20 February 2007, items E227 to E241 inclusive.

Noted

Officers were asked to keep Councillor Aitken informed about developments in incorporating environmental issues into school curricula.

289 Regional Land Transport – 28 February 2007

Report 07.88

File: E/06/11/02

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 28 February 2007, items RLT 137 to RLT 144 inclusive.

290 Planning and Monitoring Subcommittee – 6 March 2007

Report 07.92

File: E/06/24/02

Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Kirton)

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Subcommittee held on 6 March 2007, items PMS70 to PMS75 inclusive.

291 **Wellington Regional Strategy – 6 March 2007**

Report 07.103

File: E/06/25/02

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Wilde)

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy held on 6 March 2007, items WRS 01 to WRS 10 inclusive.

Other Matters

292 **Ara Tahi – 27 February 2007**

Report 07.115

File: E/06/21/03

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That Council

(1) Receives the report.

(2) Notes the content of the report.

293 **Appointment of new Chairman of Passenger Transport Committee** (non-agenda item)

The Chairman advised that he had received the resignation of Councillor Evans as Chairman of the Passenger Transport Committee, taking effect after the next meeting of that Committee.

The Chairman explained that the item is not on the agenda because he has only recently been notified of Councillor Evans' resignation, and that the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting because the next Passenger Transport Committee meeting precedes the next Council meeting.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Baber)

(1) That Council decides to deal with the matter of the appointment of the new Chairman of the Passenger Transport Committee.

(2) That Council appoints Councillor Glensor as Chairman of the Passenger Transport Committee.

Noted

The Chairman reported that he accepted Councillor Evans' resignation with reluctance, and paid tribute to the exceptional diligence and energy that Councillor Evans has applied to the position.

294 **Questions**

There were no questions.

295 **General**

There was no general business.

296 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 07.124**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That Council

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- (1) Appointment of Directors to Regional EDA Ltd.*
- (2) Quarterly Update from the Chief Executive, David Benham, on matters relating to his performance agreement with the Council.*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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| <i>(1) Appointment of Directors to Regional EDA Ltd.</i> | <i>The information contained in this report contains information relating to the appointment of directors to the region's economic development agency as it would disclose the fact that they are being considered for appointment. Release of this information would prejudice their privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered as directors of the region's economic development agency. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override his privacy.</i> | <i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons).</i> |
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(2) *Quarterly Update from Chief Executive, David Benham, on matters relating to his performance agreement with the Council.* *The information contained in this oral report contains information relating to the Chief Executive's performance agreement. Release of this information would prejudice Mr Benham's privacy by disclosing details of his performance agreement with the Council. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override his privacy.* *That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons).*

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The meeting was adjourned between 11.11 am and 11.28 am for morning tea, and closed at 11.54 am.

Cr I M BUCHANAN
Chairman

Date: